GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF SPORTS IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme for promotion of sports in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allotted for this purpose during the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With a view to broadbase sports and games and to tap the hidden talent in Rural areas, Government is implementing the scheme of `Rural Sports Programme`. Under the scheme,rural sports tournaments are organized in selected sports disciplines at Block, District, State and National levels. Financial assistance @ Rs. 30,000/- per discipline is sanctioned to State Governments for organization of State level sports tournaments and @ Rs. 15000/- per discipline to UT Administrations for organization of UT level sports tournaments. Block and district level tournaments are organized by the State/UTs from their own resources. The scheme is implemented through Sports Authority of India. Similarly, in order to boradbase games and sports in the otherwise neglected areas of the North-Eastern States and to tap the hidden talent which is in abundance there,Government is implementing a component of the scheme for conduct of North-East Sports Festival every years.

(c) An amount of Rs. 125 lakh has been allocated for the current year.